

Central Oregon Fire Management Service



Prineville Interagency Hotshot Crew Ochoco & Deschutes National Forests and Prineville BLM Central Oregon Fire Management Service

OUTREACH NOTICE

The Ochoco National Forest will soon be filling 2- GS-0462-04/05 Interagency Hotshot Crew Senior Firefighter positions. These positions are permanent seasonal positions with a tour of duty that includes full-time or less than full-time (guaranteed minimum 6 months/13 pay periods of full-time employment). If on a seasonal schedule, you will be placed in a non-pay status for the rest of the season.

Duty station is located in Prineville, Oregon.

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<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/328826500> Demo

OCR-462-IHC/HCREW-4/5G

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/328826400> Merit

PLEASE NOTE:

The purpose of this outreach notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. **Reply due date to this outreach notice is January 28, 2013.**

THE POSITION:

The position is located on a wildland fire crew (Prineville Interagency Hotshot Crew). The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control as a specialized firefighter with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of specialized tools or equipment. Other wildland fire related duties may involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning. These are permanent positions with varying tours of duty and may include weekend work. Some positions may have irregular and protracted hours of work.

DUTIES:

Serves on an interagency hotshot crew performing duties in fire prevention and suppression. Performs prescribed burning crew duties in order to reduce fuel hazards and disease, while protecting wildlife. Assists with fire dispatch through operation of radios, telephones, and other necessary equipment to exchange information for fire weather and other forest suppression activities. Lays or directs hose in the use of water. Moves dirt, chops brush, and fells small trees to build fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, and McLeods to control spreading wildland fire and/or to prepare lines prior to controlled burning. Chops, carries, and piles logging slash. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that may threaten loss of control of the fire. Cleans, reconditions, and stores simple fire tools and equipment. Performs wildfire suppression support as directed within training and physical capabilities. Performs other duties as assigned. Duties listed are at the full performance level.

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required.
- Must meet Maximum Entry Age (MEA) requirements.
- Must meet IFPM qualifications.
- Primary firefighter retirement covered position.
- Must possess and maintain a Valid Driver's License.
- May require a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- Subject to negative drug test prior to entrance on duty if CDL required.
- Males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with the Selective Service.
- US Citizenship required.

SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTORS:

- Minimum 90 days experience performing wildland fire suppression duties as a member of an organized fire suppression crew or comparable unit that utilized knowledge of wildland fire suppression, containment or control techniques and practices under various conditions. This experience must be documented with specific dates in the online application or resume.

- Primary firefighter positions include the following age requirements: Under age 37 -OR- less than age 37 after subtracting the months of Federal Service worked in a primary or secondary firefighter/law enforcement position -OR- a veteran preference eligible, older than age 37 and is requesting a waiver to the maximum age requirement.
- Successfully completed the Primary NWCG Core Requirement of Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1).
- Successfully completed the NWCG Course # S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior.

REQUIREMENTS:

May be subject to satisfactory completion of one year probationary or trial period.

Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license

This position may require the selectee to obtain or possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and therefore, is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the Department of Transportation (DOT)/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Program. Applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use unless they currently occupy a TDP under the DOT/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Program. Final appointment is conditional on a negative drug test. This announcement constitutes 30 days advance notice.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, **TAKING** and **PASSING** the WCT at the **ARDUOUS** level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if applying for this position. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements.

This position has been identified under the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) and is subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Standard and Guide when filling this vacancy. IFPM selective placement factors are made up of a primary and secondary National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) core Incident Management Qualifications and Required Training. Currency Requirement: Required to maintain currency once hired into the position. Currency of NWCG qualifications is not required for selection. If not currently qualified, the applicant must provide documented evidence that they have been fully qualified in the past, and are able to regain currency within one year of being hired.

ARDUOUS FIRE POSITIONS:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to be employed in a position performing hazardous duties. An initial pre-employment medical examination is required for arduous fire positions. Failure to meet any of the required medical qualifications will be considered disqualifying for employment.

ABOUT THE PRINEVILLE AREA:

The City of Prineville is located 35 miles northeast of Bend and 30 miles southeast of Madras. The major highway through town is US Highway 26. The population is around 11,000 in the city with approximately 23,000 living in the surrounding area. There are numerous parks in and adjacent to town; a public library; full service medical and dental facilities; a shopping center; a country club, two golf courses and numerous denominations of churches.

SCHOOLS: The Crook County School System in Prineville consists of four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Central Oregon Community College in Bend offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through Oregon State University and the University of Oregon. There are several private schools in town and there is also an active home-school program in both counties.

HEALTH CARE: Prineville has one major hospital and two clinics.

HOUSING: Rental apartments and houses are available in Prineville. The approximate range for the monthly cost of rentals is \$500-\$600 for a two bedroom, one bath unit and around \$650-\$750 for a three bedroom unit in either duplexes or apartments. The cost for a three bedroom single-family house runs \$750 and up.

Prineville is a rapidly growing community with many new subdivisions. The average price for a newer home in Prineville is \$190,000 - \$250,000, and for a single-family residence on rural acreage \$250,000 - \$300,000 and up. The value of rural property is determined to a large extent on the availability of water.

CENTRAL OREGON:

TRAVEL: The Redmond Municipal Airport is currently served by four air carriers: Delta Connection, Horizon Air, United Express and Allegiant Air with daily direct flights to and from Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Seattle.

WEATHER: Central Oregon is 'High Desert' which means the climate is semi-arid and has four distinct seasons. Summer brings warm, sunny days with temperatures in the high 80's to 90's. There can be a few days in August where the temperature will reach the low 100's. Fall is pleasant and mild with average high temperatures of 75 degrees, and nighttime lows sometimes dipping into the 20's. Winter is relatively mild with the snowfall in the neighborhood of 8-10 inches, but it usually melts quickly. Temperatures are normally in the low to mid 20's and 30's. January can bring a week or two of sub-zero temperatures. Spring is

usually sunny, but cool. The growing season is relatively short as the elevation of Redmond is 3,077, Bend is 3,623 and Prineville is 3,033 feet. Madras, with an elevation of 2,242 feet, enjoys a longer growing season. The average yearly precipitation in Central Oregon ranges from 8.64 to 12 inches.

More detailed information about Central Oregon may be obtained from the following websites:

<http://www.ohwy.com/or/p/prinevil.htm>.
www.redmondcofc.com,
www.bendchamber.org,
<http://www.madraschamber.com/about.cfm>
<http://www.edforco.org>

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and **email it to James Osborne (josborne@fs.fed.us) by Jan. 28, 2013**. Forms may also be mailed to: Ochoco National Forest, 3160 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or **Faxed to (541) 416-6695, Attn: James Osborne**.

I am interested in the following position:

Location: **Region 6, Prineville IHC- COFMS, Ochoco National Forest,**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Current title/series/grade:

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES: Current Agency and location:

Type of Appointment: ____ Permanent ____ Term ____ Temporary

If you are NOT a current permanent employee (career or career conditional), are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- ____ Person with Disabilities
- ____ Veterans Readjustment
- ____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ____ Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- ____ Student Career Experience Program
- ____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ____ Other

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.